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EARLY RECORDS OF EUPITHECIA TENUIATA HUBN. (SLENDER PUG) IN INVERNESS-SHIRE — Following my note on the occurrence of *E. tenuiata* in Inverness-shire (*Ent. Rec.* 98: 125) I received a letter from Mr. M. Harper informing me that he found this species commonly at Newtonmore in 1954. It seems, therefore, that *tenuiata* has been present in Inverness-shire for many years and that our record of August 1985 was not the first for the county.

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PSYCHE CASTA (PALLAS) (LEPIDOPTERA, PSYCHIDAE) — A PREDILECTION FOR GARAGE DOORS? — As a daily commuter I see a good deal of my garage door, a galvanized up-and-over door painted black but now after many years with algal deposits and other debris. Attached to it, also the concrete cross-member above and to a low overhanging wooden gable, can always be found about 30 or so cases of *Psyche casta*. I have not met with them on the main house, trees or fences in the garden, but one has appeared on a similar but new and shiny black door on another garage recently built and a search also yielded one on a low leaf of *Lamium album*. I cannot clearly remember if there were any cases on the wooden doors of the old garage which this new building replaced but I suspect there were. The garage doors face NW. and are shaded; the cases are by no means evenly distributed but mostly concentrated about 6-7 ft. above the ground but 7 were at about 3-4 ft.; all have the unattached end hanging downwards. According to the literature I have, the cases are often to be seen in large numbers on fences, posts, tree-trunks or even grass-stems (Ford, *Guide to the smaller British Lepidoptera.*: 41 (1949); Emmet, *Smaller moths of Essex*; 40 (1981); Hattenschwiler in Heath & Emmet, *Moths and Butterflies Gr. Brit. Ir.* 2: 144 (1985)). A hibernating specimen of *Limothrips cerealium* Haliday emerged from a case I detached in Dec. 1986 for study in an unsuccessful attempt to determine from exactly what it was composed. B. VERDCOURT, Spring Cottage, Kimbers Lane, Maidenhead, Berks., SL 6 2QP.